

April Beston serving as Rotary District Governor

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WILBRAHAM - April Beston, a resident of Wilbraham, is currently serving as district governor for Rotary International District 7890, which covers Western Massachusetts and most of Connecticut.

Beston, a member of the Ludlow Rotary Club for 15 years, has served as its treasurer—which she still does today—and its president.

“Around the same time, I served as treasurer of the district. Kind of stepped up through the roles there and eventually was approached to be district governor and decided it was something I would love to do and took on that role,” Beston said. “The role is a progressive role, so you learn for about two and a half years before becoming district governor, so it’s a learning path. So, I’ve been on that learning path for about three years now and now, finally, I’m in the midst of my district governor here and doing that and loving it. So, it’s been quite the journey.”

Beston has enjoyed meeting the Rotarians.

“The people in my district are fantastic and they

do a lot of good in the communities that we serve, but I’ve also had the opportunity to meet the Rotarians around the world. There’s literally a million Rotarians all over the world, so I’ve had the opportunity to meet, probably, thousands of people now at this point and it’s been fantastic,” Beston said. “It’s really taught me that no matter where you go, people really are all the same and Rotarians, in particular, are just people who want to help. It’s just been fantastic and quite an honor.”

Beston got involved in Rotary through networking opportunities through her work as a branch manager at a local bank, with a friend of hers suggesting she check out Rotary.

“I walked in the door and found out it was a service organization and I fell in love immediately and I said, ‘This is great, I really want to do this. I really want to help out,’ and it was a great way to not only build connections throughout a town that I was newly working in, but it was more importantly a way to serve that community in a meaningful way,” Beston said.

The most fulfilling part has been the opportunity to change lives and form friend-



Photo courtesy of April Beston

April Beston in a family photo after being installed as Rotary District Governor to serve Rotary International District 7890.

ships.

“The things that you wouldn’t get to do if you weren’t involved in a global organization. The change that you get to make when you’re working together with over a million people and you get to contribute to such large projects and such meaningful work really does show you what we can do together when we come together and that’s been amazing,” Beston said. “My personal kind of passion project, Rotary International’s largest

project, is polio eradication, so it just started back in the ‘80s and went on for about 40 years now. We’re really close to eradicating polio. I have friends who have had polio and just to see that I’m part of an organization that came together and really has eradicated a disease. That’s just so cool.”

In addition to encouraging new ideas and considering new ways for outreach, marketing and bringing in members, Beston also emphasized enrollment and membership.

“That’s a huge focus. Just like other membership organizations, enrollment in North America is a challenge. The way that people volunteer has changed in North America. People tend to be sort of one-off volunteering, which is great. I think it shouldn’t be discounted that people of all ages are volunteering at a higher rate now than they have in the past, so it’s tapping into that,” Beston said.

Another strategy is utilizing tools for bringing people in communities into the fold of the “greater Rotary Family.”

“Hopefully by doing that, we gain some members along the way. But even if we’re not gaining members, we’re gaining service throughout our communities no matter what we do,” Beston said. “The whole point is to help our communities and whether it’d be through membership or just through outreach, I think both are valuable. Ultimately, we just want to serve our communities in whichever way is most impactful.”

For anyone who wants to join Rotary, Beston had this advice.

“They can go to their website at rotarydistrict7890.org and we have a ‘Join Us’ button and we’ll connect them

with their local club. But, it can be as easy as popping into a local meeting as well. Every single club out there is thrilled to have anyone just stop by for a local meeting. Or call the local president and say, ‘Hey, I’m interested in doing something,’” Beston said. “So, whichever way you can connect with a local Rotary Club, they’d be thrilled to have you come in. I always say as long as you have a heart for service, you’re welcome to Rotary.”

On upcoming projects, Beston noted training Rotary Presidents for next year, a Thunderbirds game in April to raise money for polio, visiting other Rotary Clubs and a conference for the Interactors, the high school version of Rotary Clubs. She encouraged aspiring members to visit the district website for other projects at local clubs.

Beston said Rotary is here to serve.

“I’m very excited and honored that I get to serve in this role and represent the communities of Hampden, Wilbraham and Ludlow as district governor. I love these towns and it’s humbling. It’s humbling to be able to serve in this role and serve these communities,” Beston said.

A 30-year tradition at risk: Minnechaug’s ultimate party needs the community-now

WILBRAHAM/HAMPDEN - For more than 30 years, Minnechaug parents have come together with one shared goal: to keep our graduates safe on one of the most important-and risky-nights of their young lives.

That tradition is now in serious danger.

Since 1992, the Chaug Ultimate Party has provided Minnechaug Regional High School graduates with a fully supervised, all-night, alcohol- and drug-free cele-

bration on graduation night. The event-planned entirely by parents-offers students a safe place to be together, have fun, and celebrate without the pressures of drinking, impaired driving, vandalism, or other high-risk activities that too often accompany graduation night.

For decades, this event has worked. And now, it may end.

Due to declining community support, a shrinking

volunteer base, and critical budget shortfalls, the Ultimate Party is at risk of not continuing beyond this year’s senior class. If action is not taken soon, there will be no Ultimate Party for the current juniors or underclassmen-ending a tradition that has protected generations of Minnechaug students.

This is not a school-sponsored event. The Ultimate Party is privately funded and relies entirely on fundraising, donations, and volunteers. Every dollar raised helps cover transportation, venue costs, food, entertainment, and

supervision to ensure graduates have a safe and memorable night.

The reality is stark: Without renewed support over the next few years, this program will disappear.

And once it’s gone, it will be incredibly difficult to bring back.

This Is Bigger Than One Class

Fundraising for the Ultimate Party is not just about the current senior class-it’s about sustaining a tradition for future graduates. Every donation and every volunteer hour helps ensure that Minnechaug students continue to have a safe alterna-

tive on graduation night.

How the Community Can Help-Right Now

Donate: Cash contributions, merchandise, or gift certificates from individuals or local businesses are urgently needed.

Volunteer: Volunteers are the backbone of this event. Parents, guardians, and community members are needed to help plan, fundraise, and work the night of the party.

Spread the Word: Community awareness is critical. Please share this message.

Photos of recent graduates enjoying the Ultimate

Party can be found on Facebook at Chaug Ultimate Party-a reminder of what this community has built together.

Volunteers and Support Needed

Anyone interested in learning more, donating, or volunteering is encouraged to contact committee member Jen Pelletier at jpelletier18@gmail.com.

This is a call to action. If the Ultimate Party matters to you-if student safety matters to you-now is the time to step forward.

Because graduation night should end with memories, not regrets.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD26P0252EA
Estate of:
Cathie T Berman
Date of Death: 06/29/2022
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Tarra Devine of Ludlow, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Tarra Devine of Ludlow, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection

at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/06/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 05, 2026
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
02/11/2026

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Sunday school for adults,
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1st & 3rd Sunday of the month from 11-12 noon
Adult Religious/Marriage and Parenting for Women- 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month from 11-12 noon
Adult Religious/Marriage and Parenting for Men- 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from 11-12 noon
Classes for Single Adults(18-30)
2nd & 4th Sunday of the month -11- 12 noon
Classes for Young Men(11-18)
2nd & 4th Sunday of the month 11-12 noon
Classes for Young Women (11-18)
2nd & 4th Sunday of the month - 11-12 noon
Children's classes: Sunday school & singing time every Sunday(3-10) 11- 12 noon
Nursery providedfor ages 18 month- 3 yr

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
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CLOSED FRIDAY
MASS SCHEDULE
Monday 8:00am
Tuesday 8:00am
Wednesday No Mass
Thursday 6:00pm
Friday 6:00pm
Saturday 4:00pm
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Wednesday, Feb. 11 – Daily Mass – 7:30 AM (C), Adoration – 8 AM (C), Holy Mother Choir – 4:30 (C), Scouts – 6 PM (ER), Cub Scouts – 6 PM (FLBH), Bible Study – 6:30 PM (JR)
Thursday, Feb. 12 – Daily Mass – 7:30 AM (C)
Friday, Feb. 13 – Daily Mass– 7:30 AM (C)
Saturday, Feb. 14 –Dust & Pray Brigade – 10 AM (C), Confessions – 2:30 PM (C), Saturday Vigil Mass – 4 PM (C)
Sunday, Feb. 15 – Daily Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:15 AM, 11 AM and 5 PM (C),Take & Eat – 8 AM (FLBH/K), Lifeteen – 6 PM (JR)
Monday, Feb. 16 - Daily Mass – 7:30 AM (C)
Tuesday, Feb. 17 – Daily Mass - 7:30 AM (C), Middle School Youth Ministry – 3 PM (JR), St. Rita Choir – 4 PM (C), Pasta Committee Meeting– 6 PM (ZR), Bereavement Support Group – 6:30 PM (ER)

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Monday and Wednesday Morning Masses – 8:30 a.m. (Portuguese)
Tuesday and Friday Masses – 5:30 p.m. (Portuguese)
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Sunday Morning Discipleship Groups meet at 9:45am
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OTHER MEETINGS
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AA Group 7pm

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